

Application No. 10/779,552
Amendment dated March 21, 2005
Reply to Office Action dated October 20, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Election/Restrictions

Applicants confirm the election of claims 1-35 (Group 1). Claims 36-57 have been withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications.

Specification (Trademark usage)

The Examiner noted that the trademarks used in the present application should be capitalized wherever it appears and be accompanied by the generic terminology. The Examiner suggested that the Applicants provide description as to the chemical compositions of the materials designated by trademarks only, without introducing new matter.

Applicants have amended the specification to address the Examiner's comments. Additionally, claims 14, 17-20, 22-24 have been cancelled.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-35 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner argues that Claim 1 recites step (c): "mixing the first and second solutions at ambient temperature to produce an admixture" but in the vast majority of the illustrative examples mixture (a) has a temperature far above room temperature (about 68 F). Further, the Examiner states that the specification does not provide any guidance as to what is considered to be the claimed "ambient" conditions and temperatures.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify the present invention. Support for the amendment is found in the specification at page 2, lines 21-22 (paragraph [0008]); page 3, lines 9-10 (paragraph [0010]); and page 4, lines 24-27 (paragraph [0016]).

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Additional Amendments

Additional amendments were made to the specification to correct typographical errors.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims (1-13, 15-16, 21, 25-35) in the instant application are in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request an early action to this end. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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